Don’t Stop Thinking About Tomorrow:
Possibility, Opportunity, Action

The primary purpose of this conference is to expand the capacity of local education agencies and communities, in partnership with youth, young adults and families, in promoting the successful transition of youth/young adults with disabilities to post-school outcomes of employment, post-secondary education and training, community participation and healthy lifestyles. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about effective practices to assist youth/young adults with disabilities to explore possibilities, take advantage of their opportunities, and actively advocate for their future.

The primary focal points of this year’s conference are:
• Behavioral Health
• Empowerment
• Family/Caregiver Engagement
• Gainful/Competitive Employment
• Health and Healthy Lifestyles
• Leadership
• Models For Success
• Partnerships
• Post-Secondary Education/Training
• Youth Engagement

The conference will feature:
• Accommodations and Supports Expo, featuring hands-on assistive technology exhibits, vendor displays and resource tables
• Approximately 80 breakout sessions
• Family engaging sessions and networking opportunities
• Keynote and feature presentations
• Sessions and activities designed for youth and young adults by the PA Youth Leadership Network

Who should participate?
Stakeholders supporting post-school outcomes of youth with disabilities, such as…
Advocates
Agency Administrators
Assistive Technology Professionals
Business/Employers
Career & Technology Educators
CareerLink Staff
Direct Support Providers
Drug & Alcohol Program Workers
Education Administrators
Family & Caregivers
Family Health Representatives
 Foster and Adoptive Parents
Guidance Counselors
Health Professionals
Higher Education Professionals
Independent Living Staff
Juvenile Justice Affiliates
Job Coaches
Local Government Officials
Local Service Providers
Local Youth Councils
Mental Assistance Program Staff
Medical Health Services Workers
Occupational Therapists
Office of Developmental Programs Staff
Paraprofessionals
Partnerships for Youth Affiliates & Staff
Physical Therapists
Psychologists
Public & Private Child Welfare Workers
School Nurses
Secondary Educators
Social Security Benefits Counselors
Social Security Staff
Social Workers
Special Educators
Speech/Language Therapists
Transition Coordinators
Transportation Affiliates
Vocational Evaluators
Vocational Rehabilitation Staff
Workforce Investment Board Members
Youth & Young Adults
Youth Served in Foster Care

Call for Proposals to Present:
We encourage all transition stakeholders to submit a proposal to present a 90 minute session at the transition conference. The formal Call for Proposals is available at www.pattan.net. Submission deadline is February 4, 2013.

Conference Fees:
The conference registration fee is $125 for all participants. Family and youth who need support in order to attend the conference can apply for a scholarship to cover the registration fee and hotel (one room up to a maximum of 3 nights). Additional information regarding family & youth scholarships will be made available at www.pattan.net

Hotel Information:
A block of rooms at various hotels have been held for individuals who will be attending the conference. Participants are responsible for calling the hotel directly and making their own reservation. Participants will be responsible for the cost of their hotel rooms and must be billed directly. A list of hotels will be available at www.pattan.net

Available Credits: Act 48, CRCC
Individuals attending this event must arrive on time and stay the duration of the event in order to receive Act 48 Professional Education hours. Requests for exceptions are to be brought to the attention of the individual’s Superintendent or IU Director prior to the event.
Commission on Rehabilitation Counseling Certification (CRCC): Continuing Education credits for professions with Commission on Rehabilitation Counseling Certification (CRCC) credentials will be offered for attendance of this program. CRCC Continuing Education Certificates will be available upon successful completion of the program for interested participants.
Certificates of attendance for continuing education credits (speech, social work, vision rehabilitation) will be available after the conference.

In the upcoming months, look for additional information on the PaTTAN website at www.pattan.net